Do not enter Kwasi Karikari /K.K. 04/24/2008

Appl. No. 10/516,866 Amdt. Dated January 18, 2008 Reply to Office action of November 19, 2007 Attorney Docket No. P17157-US1 EUS/J/P/08-3021

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

§ Andreas Witzel, et al. Applicants:

2617 Group Art Unit:

Serial No:

10/516,866

Examiner:

Kwasi Karikari

Filed:

December 3, 2004

Confirmation No: 2414

ത ത ത ത ത

Attorney Docket No: P17157-US1

Customer No.: 27045

OPERATING OF A SWITCHING NODE IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

COMPRISING BOTH A LAYERED AND A NON-LAYERED ARCHITECTURAL

ENVIRONMENT

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United Sates Postal Service with sufficient postage for First class or Express mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO at (571) 273-8300, or electronically via EFS-Web on the date indicated below.

Date: ____January 18, 2008

Name: Melissa Wingo

Signature:

Dear Examiner:

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.116

In response to the Final Office action of November 19, 2007, the Applicant submits the following remarks and/or amendments. If any extension of time for this Response is required, the Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1379.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.